

REMARKS

Claims 15-20 are pending in the Application. Claims 1-14 have been cancelled and claims 15 and 20 have been amended to include features from US Patent 6,530,736, which was incorporated by reference into the present application. Accordingly, no new matter was entered as a result of this amendment.

The feature of wherein one component controller includes a sensor for detecting a spacing between a front surface of a port door enabling access into the processing tool and a front surface of a pod door as a pod advances towards the port door is not disclosed in any of the cited references and the Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections for at least these reasons.

Applicants respectfully request the above noted deficiencies be addressed in the Examiner's response. In addition, Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance based on the foregoing remarks. If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present amendment, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 774 6921. If any other fees are due in connection with filing this amendment, the Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. ASTGP120). A copy of the transmittal is enclosed for

this purpose.

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